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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

The present Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "PTO) and dated October 17, 2002. A Notice of Appeal, along with a Petition for an Extension of Time to extend the period for response by three months, to April 17, 2003, and the requisite fees, were submitted on April 11, 2003; the Appeal Period has therefore commenced. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include an attached Replacement Sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.